

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2004 – 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Eastern Great Basin Area and light elsewhere. Nationally, 100 new fires were reported. Three large fires were contained, two in the Southern California Area and one in the Northern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on 9/4 for Hurricane Frances in Florida. An Area Command Team and six Type 1 Incident Management Teams are assigned to support recovery efforts. Additional resources have been mobilized as part of the relief effort, including aviation assets, mobile caterers and showers, national buying teams, Type 1 crews and miscellaneous overhead personnel. The National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service are conducting damage assessments and recovery efforts in National Parks and National Wildlife Refuges throughout Florida. Five Florida State Incident Management Teams (Hill, Crane, Beauchamp, Graham and Jones) are assigned in Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties, and the city of Orlando, FL. One Georgia State Incident Management Team (Kline) is assigned in Lakeland, FL.

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS:**

HURRICANE FRANCES, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). An Area Command Team (Mann) has been assigned to the FEMA Disaster Field Office in Orlando, FL, and is coordinating activities with FEMA and State of Florida counterparts. Five Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Kearney, Vail, Oltrogge, Whitney and Studebaker) are assigned to the Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Homestead, West Palm Beach, Ocala and Lakeland, FL. The teams are supporting receiving and distribution of supplies, and housing and feeding for affected residents and emergency workers throughout Florida. One Type 1 Incident Management Team (McCombs) is staged in Atlanta, GA.

**ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Alaska Division of Forestry, Tok Area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Billy Creek, Gardiner Creek, Chicken and Porcupine fires, is 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Minimal fire activity predominated across the complex with creeping, smoldering and isolated torching. Small smoke columns were reported on the west and south sides of the Billy Creek fire and in interior parts of the Porcupine and Chicken fires.

CAMP CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Delta Area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK in black spruce and white spruce. Fire behavior was active on the east side due to low humidity levels. Creeping and smoldering were observed on the remainder of the incident.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	1,305,252	NR	10/1	242	8	4	2	9	14.9M
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	175,315	65	9/30	236	7	1	4	3	6.5M

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLUFF, Lassen Volcanic National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Weldon) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident, is located ten miles northwest of Chester, CA in timber, and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire continued to spread to the north and east, and is being influenced by low humidity levels and poor RH recovery at night. Individual and group torching was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLUFF – WFU	CA	LNP	3,148	N/A	N/A	140	2	0	2	0	761K
DOLCINI	CA	MRN	360	100	---	160	5	20	0	0	475K

MRN = Marin County Fire Department

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RUNWAY	CA	BDF	1,193	100	---	645	25	26	7	0	795K
TRIMMER	CA	SNF	125	100	---	58	2	2	1	1	NR

BDF = San Bernardino National Forest

SNF = Sierra National Forest

### OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure will continue to be in place today over much of the West, providing mainly dry conditions and very warm temperatures. However, some thunderstorm activity will take place today especially near the border region between California, Nevada and Arizona. Tonight, high pressure in the West will give way to a low pressure system moving into the Northwest. As a result, showers will cover western sections of Washington after dark. In the Caribbean, Ivan is expected to cross over Jamaica with extremely dangerous winds of up to 150 mph. The track past Saturday is very uncertain due to decreasing steering winds.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Fair except patchy high clouds at times near Oregon, and increased fog along the north coast.	From 60s to 80 near the coast, with upper 80s to 90s in warmest inland areas.	9 to 19% in drier inland locations.	Southwest to northwest winds mostly 5 to 15 mph, except east of the Cascade/Sierra crest increasing to 7 to 16 mph with gusts around 25 mph in the afternoon.
<b>ALASKA AREA</b> <b>Eastern Interior:</b> Partly sunny.	<b>Eastern Interior:</b> Upper 40s and 50s.	<b>Eastern Interior:</b> 22 to 33%.	<b>Eastern Interior:</b> East to southeast to 10 mph.

<p><b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b>  <b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> Partly cloudy.  <b>Northern Utah:</b> Partly cloudy with late day isolated thunderstorms over mountains.  <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Partly cloudy with scattered afternoon thunderstorms over mountains, isolated thunderstorms over valleys.</p>	<p><b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 60 to 80 mountains, 80 to 90 valleys.  <b>Northern Utah:</b> 68 to 80 mountains, 80 to 90 valleys.  <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 69 to 85 mountains, 85 to 101 valleys, except 102 to 108 Lake Mead area.</p>	<p><b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> 18 to 30% mountains, 9 to 18% valleys.  <b>Northern Utah:</b> 15 to 20% mountains, 11 to 15% valleys.  <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> 18 to 26% mountains, 12 to 20% valleys.</p>	<p><b>Idaho, Bridger-Teton:</b> West to southwest 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 40 to 55 mph possible western Wyoming mountains.  <b>Northern Utah:</b> Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph.  <b>Southern Utah, Arizona Strip:</b> Southwest 10 to 20 mph and gusty.</p>
<p><b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b>  <b>Central California:</b> Sunny  <b>Southern California and Southern Sierra:</b> Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms.</p>	<p>85 to 95 coastal areas.  80 to 95 mountains.  95 to 105 valleys.  90 to 100 upper deserts.  100 to 110 lower deserts.</p>	<p><b>Central California:</b> 5 to 15%.  <b>Southern California:</b> 20 to 35%.</p>	<p>Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p><b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b>  Mostly sunny, warm and breezy across the north. Isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms across the south and east-central.</p>	<p>North valleys: 85 to 95.  South valleys: 90 to 105.  Mountains: 75 to 90.</p>	<p>North valleys: 6 to 20%.  North mountains: 10 to 25%.  South valleys: 12 to 22%.  South mountains: 15 to 30%.</p>	<p>Southwest to west at 5 to 15 mph, gusts to 25 mph across the north; south to southwest winds across the south at 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p><b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b>  Mainly dry except for isolated thunderstorms.</p>	<p>Highs in the mid 80s to lower 90s, with upper 60s and 70s mountains.</p>	<p>Below 20% much Wyoming, northern and eastern Colorado, and the high plains.</p>	<p>10 to 20 mph western and southern Wyoming into northwest Colorado, and the plains of Kansas and Nebraska.</p>
<p><b>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA</b>  <b>Idaho &amp; MT West of Divide:</b> Scattered/Isolated rain showers  Elsewhere - Partly cloudy.</p>	<p><b>Idaho &amp; MT West of Divide:</b> 70s.  <b>MT East of Divide:</b> 70s north, 80s south.  <b>North Dakota:</b> 75 to 85 west. 65 to 75 east.</p>	<p><b>Idaho &amp; MT West of Divide:</b> 25 to 35%.  <b>MT East of Divide:</b> 20 to 30%.  <b>North Dakota:</b> 25 to 35% west. 50 to 60% east.</p>	<p><b>Idaho &amp; MT West of Divide:</b> Southwest 10 to 15 mph.  <b>MT East of Divide:</b> West to north 5 to 15 mph.  <b>North Dakota:</b> Northeast 5 to 10 mph.</p>



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **EXTREME FIRE BEHAVIOR**

Extreme fire behavior has always been present in cases of shelter deployment. It is critical for firefighters to maintain situational awareness of live and dead fuel moisture conditions as well as predicted and current weather conditions. As fire behavior changes, it is critical to act decisively to the changing situation.

● Discuss the following indicators of extreme fire behavior:

- Relative humidity less than 15%
- 1-hour fuel moisture less than 5%
- Trees crowning inside the fireline
- Smoldering fires that exist in the early part of the day are beginning to burn very actively as the day progresses.
- Approaching thunderheads with dark clouds beneath
- Presence of dust devils indicating an unstable atmosphere
- Increased spotting
- Sudden calm
- High clouds moving fast in direction different from surface wind
- Predicted Haines Index of 5 and 6 in those areas where this level is a good indicator of atmospheric instability

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		1		2
	ACRES			37,597		20,005		57,602
Northwest	FIRES					11	5	16
	ACRES					2	1	3
Northern California	FIRES	2				18	3	23
	ACRES	0				41	1	42
Southern California	FIRES		1			14		15
	ACRES		1			13		14
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	8		1	4	7	21
	ACRES	2	68		4	256	14	344
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3			1		4
	ACRES		0			0		0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				4	5
	ACRES		0				2	2
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES	1				8	1	10
	ACRES	1				78	1	80
TOTAL	FIRES	5	13	1	1	59	21	100
	ACRES	3	69	37,597	4	20,395	19	58,087

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	58	80	18	470	22	654
	ACRES	6,109	1,192,677	1,878,639	29,121	3,274,280	5	6,380,831
Northwest	FIRES	339	299	37	62	1,633	1,228	3,598
	ACRES	22,657	4,622	880	258	17,250	74,567	120,234
Northern California	FIRES	114	87	12	19	2,341	893	3,466
	ACRES	147	8,894	43	481	51,279	9,643	70,487
Southern California	FIRES	36	109	20	46	2,654	700	3,565
	ACRES	668	6,006	1,867	29	65,708	10,346	84,624
Northern Rockies	FIRES	945	71	19	13	774	843	2,665
	ACRES	5,468	1,470	1,062	4	18,138	11,076	37,218
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	57	769	6	45	523	685	2,085
	ACRES	530	40,966	11	61	7,191	47,255	96,014
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	604	11	17	97	141	886
	ACRES	340	21,920	2,665	51	7,856	8,112	40,944
Southwest	FIRES	707	143	5	75	657	1,590	3,177
	ACRES	5,193	5,658	201	514	7,000	281,925	300,491
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	331	463	36	47	438	447	1,762
	ACRES	5,259	4,999	1,273	37	23,960	8,040	43,568
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		47	30	7,601	471	8,644
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	110	57,082	5,654	70,290
Southern Area	FIRES	132		63	43	24,875	583	25,696
	ACRES	15,822		15,112	3,467	320,839	73,420	428,660
TOTAL	FIRES	3,178	2,603	336	415	42,063	7,603	56,198
	ACRES	67,302	1,287,212	1,904,088	34,133	3,850,583	530,043	7,673,361

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>63,837</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,450,036</b>

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		2	4				6
	ACRES		1,700	65				1,765
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						9	9
	ACRES						133	133
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		25					25
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						2,105	2,105
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				0	1
	ACRES		400				93	493
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						2,859	2,859
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	4	4	0	0	13	21
	ACRES	0	2,125	65	0	0	5,190	7,380

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			5		6
	ACRES		33,000			22,901		55,901
Northwest	FIRES	38	87	58	1		262	446
	ACRES	7,626	13,455	4,772	30		58,329	84,212
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	97	18		183	351
	ACRES	251	731	14,164	4,080		22,617	41,843
Southern California	FIRES		4	20	10		76	110
	ACRES		27	1,686	718		6,213	8,644
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	8	76	3	45	386	555
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,584	1,046	3,066	42,812	64,024
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	24	4	4	18	48	99
	ACRES	149	12,477	847	1,252	1,490	18,115	34,330
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9	5			5	19
	ACRES		1,763	541			971	3,275
Southwest	FIRES	14	15	7	12		333	381
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	9,026		81,483	111,993
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	42	163	18	12	117	394
	ACRES	5,117	12,751	23,592	13,664	3,947	46,003	105,074
Eastern Area	FIRES	27		371	23	1,075	198	1,694
	ACRES	14,804		43,533	4,443	73,725	31,212	167,717
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	78	393	1,131	1,857
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	74,152	212,745	999,761	1,387,012
TOTAL	FIRES	224	229	1,005	167	1,548	2,739	5,912
	ACRES	42,204	81,681	206,339	108,411	317,874	1,307,516	2,064,025

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				62,266			62,266
Northwest	FIRES				5		8	13
	ACRES				200		1,745	1,945
Northern California	FIRES				10		3	13
	ACRES				2,628		0	2,628
Southern California	FIRES				11		2	13
	ACRES				4,453		222	4,675
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		63	78
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	45	46
	ACRES				0	10	11,203	11,213
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12		2			14
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				9		25	34
	ACRES				1,705		13,003	14,708
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		25	3	2	0	6	36
	ACRES		6,996	295	0	2,271	613	10,175
Eastern Area	FIRES				3		1	4
	ACRES				1,436		1	1,437
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	37	3	62	0	153	255
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	75,695	2,281	29,197	114,957

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia			2,326	224,526
Yukon Territory			273	1,843,260
Alberta			1,536	234,420
Northwest Territory			286	347,292
Saskatchewan			320	238,215
Manitoba			222	4,895
Ontario			367	1,493
Quebec			256	3,013
Newfoundland			144	8,432
New Brunswick			238	291
Nova Scotia			248	246
Prince Edward Island			20	15
National Parks			88	197,904
Total			6,324	3,104,002

\*\*\*The next weekly update for CIFFC will be on 9/16/2004\*\*\*

**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	8	7		5		6			81	100
Northwest	5	1	11		1				4	
Northern California	14	38	35	91	1	3			111	273
Southern California	30	4	37	7	15		2		51	19
Northern Rockies					1					
Eastern Great Basin	2		13	2	3				2	
Western Great Basin			3							
Southwest	1									
Rocky Mountain			13		1				4	
Eastern Area					4				5	
Southern Area					1				296	288
Total	60	50	112	105	27	9	2	0	554	680

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